



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Alvin Westgate
 Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

*To all who mourn or need comfort,
 To all who are weary and need rest,
 To all who seek friendship,
 To all who desire to grow in relationship with God
 To all who yearn to pray,
 To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,
 This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
 and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*

Father Alvin's Message

Welcome to the Church of Saint John this morning.

We hunger for many things. However, it is only God our Father who can satisfy our deepest hunger. In today's Holy Gospel story Jesus tells us that those who eat His Body and drink His Blood are promised eternal life. The theme, in the Holy Gospel story, is exclusively about The Holy Eucharist. The language of the story, in chapter six, shifts from eating and drinking, to flesh and blood. John, The Evangelist, does not have an account of the institution of the Lord's Supper, these verses present teachings that have eucharistic echoes and reflect eucharistic understanding of the early followers of Jesus. When Jesus uses "flesh and blood" we must remember that Jesus is speaking in the Hebrew language, the language also of the early followers of Jesus, and this is an idiom for the whole person. We cannot take a third or a half of Jesus' teaching, if we follow Jesus we must take the whole person, i.e., His teaching and His actions. In the service of The Holy Eucharist, The Lord's Supper, The Holy Communion, also commonly called The Mass, we are fed with divine revelation, from The Sacred Scriptures and we are fed with the flesh (bread) and the blood (wine) of Christ. Through The Holy Eucharist a spiritual bond is forged between us and Jesus. The Holy Eucharist enables us to grow in intimacy and friendship with our Lord and Redeemer.

Fr. Alvin

LAY MINISTERS TODAY
 Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black
10:30 am Velvet Eliuk
 Lectors: 8:30 am Cathy Ramey, Maureen Moffatt
10:30 am Lillian Keeping, Stephen Lewis
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Wayne Dodge
 Refreshments: Mary Francis, Rose Conrad

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 26th
 Lay Readers: 8:30 am
10:30 am Roger & Charlene Demone
 Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Duncan Crowdis
10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Mary Meisner
 Sidespersons: 10:30 am Carrie & Audrey Skinner
 Refreshments: Carrie & Audrey Skinner

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting for today is 'Land of Rest'

Prelude: Liebster Jesu Wir Sind Hier - Max Reger

Hymn: #369 'Thy Strong Word'

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

All Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory To God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."
I KINGS 2:10-12; 3:3-14

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them. R

His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever. He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. R

He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations. R

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. R

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever. R PSALM 111

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. EPHESIANS 5:15-20

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #401 ' My Life Flows On'

Gospel

Reader The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the people, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." JOHN 6:51-58
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

The Apostles Creed We confess the faith of our baptism, saying, I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Please kneel or sit for the prayers.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

Choir Anthem: My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #59 'Jesus Calls Us'

Representatives of the parish present the gifts of bread and wine for the
Eucharist.

Each one as they are able, makes an offering to the Lord for the needs and
responsibilities of the Church to be placed on the altar.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs.
Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful
children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (Sung CP#719)
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you
have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in
your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made
flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him,
you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In
him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into
righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to
suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took
bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this
for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and
when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of
you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for
many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the
remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith. (Sung) CP #720
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray
you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may
be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may
be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the
head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with
whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are
yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen. (Sung 3x) CP #721

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion CP#745

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*This community of faith,
welcomes to the Lord's table
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

The celebrant and people then receive communion.

The body of Christ (given for you).
The blood of Christ (shed for you).
The communicant responds each time, Amen.

Communion Hymns #621 'I Am For You'; #52 'O God Unseen'

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in joyful hope to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #403 'Let All Things Now Living'

Postlude: Prelude Fugue in A Minor - J.S. Bach

NOTICES

Wednesdays at Noon' Series is now in its third season here at St. John's. Please join us for a delightful half hour of musical presentations featuring friends of St. John's Music Program.

Wednesday, August 22 at noon – Matthew Fraser, organ
Wednesday, August 29 at noon – Musique Royale artists Steve Normandin and Sylvie Briday

Community Roots Day Camp: exploring the roots that keep us grounded. August 21, 2018 @St John's Anglican Church. Cost is free. Children ages 4 - 12 may be registered at: www.sharenspei.ca

The Day Camps will be developed by a staff team, in collaboration with communities to make sure that each camp engages with what's going on locally, and will help kids learn about God's love for them and the world around them.

Each day of camp will include worship, games, art, stories, and exciting ways to learn and grow in faith together.

To make these camps happen, we need parishes who are passionate about serving the children and young people in their communities, parishes that maybe need a bit of help figuring out how to make that happen, parishes interested in acting missionally!

Staff will develop the camps, and will work with volunteers in parishes to help lead the program - and will offer training to prepare volunteers for this camp, and to equip them to continue serving children and young people all year long.

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